Preliminary Amendment

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- 43 (Amended). A chewing gum granulating system according to claim 40, wherein the second diameter is in the range of 0.4 to 2.1 mm,
- 44 (Amended). A chewing gum granulating system according to claim 43, wherein the second diameter is in the range of 0.7 to 1.9 mm.
- 45 (Amended). A chewing gum granulating system according to claim 39, wherein the system further comprises a drying device adding powder sweetener to the granules in a final drying step.
- 46 (Amended). A chewing gum granulating system according to claim 45, wherein said powder sweetener being added while moisture is remaining on the surface of the granules.
- 47 (Amended). A chewing gum granulating system according to claim 39, wherein the system further comprises one or more sieves adapted for removing granules with av-erage diameters above 2.55 mm.
- 48 (Amended). A chewing gum granulating system according to claim 39, wherein the system further comprises a tabletting machine.